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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0764

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SUBJECT: SUDANESE ROLE IN IEF/ELF NEGOTIATIONS

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH CONSOFF, SUDANESE CONSUL GENERAL IN ASMARA, SAYED EL FATIH, INDICATED THAT GOS HAD BEEN ASKED BY IEG TO INTERVENE IN PROBLEM WITH ELF, AND GOS AGREED TO ASSIST ANY NEGOTIATIONS. EL FATIH SAID GOS CAN INFLUENCE SUPPORT OF ELF BY OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.

2. SAYED EL FATIH INDICATED THAT SUDAN-ETHIOPIAN BORDER DEMARCATION WAS THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BY FORMIN ZEWDE DURING VISIT TO KHARTOUM SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. EL FATIH IS MEMBER OF BORDER COMMISSION, WHICH HE SAID WILL MEET IN NOVEMBER.

3. SAYED EL FATIH BELIEVES THAT ELF (GC) CONTROLS ERITREA FROM ASMARA TO THE SUDANESE BORDER. HE IS AWARE OF RUMORED REAPPROCHMENT BETWEEN PLF AND IEG, BUT FEELS PLF INFLUENCE VERY LIMITED.

4. ACCORDING TO SAYED EL FATIH, MANY OF THE REFUGEES THAT FLED OM HAJER HAVE NOW RPT NOW RETURNED, SINCE GEN AMAN'S VISIT.

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5. SEVERAL LOCAL SOURCES REPORT THAT RAS MENGHESE SEYOUM HAS FLED INTO THE SUDAN. ANOTHER LOCAL SOURCE REPORTS THAT RAS MENGHESA LEFT HIS PALACE WITH ELF ABOUT 9 DAYS AGO, HEADED FOR THE SUDAN. CONGEN HAS ALSO HEARD THAT RAS MEGHESE HAS GONE TO GROUND SOMEWHERE IN TIGRE PROVINCE. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THIS, EL FATIH SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT RAS MENGHESE HAD FLED TO EUROPE.
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